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‘Team’ huddles

Fort Jackson campaign plan moves forward during offsite

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

Fort Jackson’s senior military and civilian leaders reviewed the installation’s campaign plan during an offsite at Riverbanks Zoo Jan. 29.

The group of 70 included representatives from all units and organizations as well as 14 spouses.

“We are working really hard across the installation to make sure that everybody is included,” said Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson commanding general. “Whether you’re a Soldier, civilian or family member, it doesn’t matter. Everybody’s on the team.”

The campaign plan is a strategic document that outlines ways to improve Fort Jackson. It centers around three lines of operation: training, quality of life and support and sustainability.

Mike Ryan, the installation’s strategic planner, pointed out that the plan does not focus

solely on the Basic Combat Training mission, but encompasses everybody on post.

“We purposely say ‘Fort Jackson’ on the plan, because we have a holistic approach,” he said.

The leaders were briefed on the progress of the campaign plan before getting together in groups to discuss the 43 objectives that fall under the lines of operation.

“The campaign plan is about 50 percent complete,” Ryan said, projecting the plan to be finalized this spring.

Participants also reviewed the vision statement, which was first unveiled in December, the mission statement and the standing intent.

“We wanted to come up with something that is clear, concise and succinct — something that would resonate and have a good chance for people to remember it,” May said.

Although there is no hierarchy in the three

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Not just for kicks



Photo by Daniel Terrill

Soldiers with the Fitness Training Company, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) warm up before aquatic PT at Knight Pool Tuesday.

Black History event features new theme

Luncheon set for Wednesday with a lot of entertainment on tap

Mike A. Glasch
Leader Staff

Don’t be late for Wednesday’s Black History Month celebration or you might miss something. That’s the advice from Sgt. 1st Class Chetoria Jackson, Equal Opportunity NCO for the 165th Infantry Brigade, host of this year’s festivities.

“This year’s luncheon is jam packed with a lot of entertainment,” Jackson said. “We have an African dance theater coming in out of Savannah. This will be the group’s fourth year performing here at Fort Jackson.”

Also, students from Dent Middle School will be involved in the program. The school’s fine arts and media enrichment program and the chorus will sing, and its steel drums ensemble

will play traditional African music.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Willie T. Lawson, a retired Soldier. The Summerton native currently serves as the minister for a church in the Washington area.

Lawson is expected to use President Obama as an example of this year’s Black History Month theme, “The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas”

“That will play a significant part of what Reverend Lawson will talk about,” Jackson said.

“President Obama plays into the strides that we made from what we weren’t allowed to do as Black-Americans to the

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COMMANDERS' CORNER

From the Commanding General

African American History Month means more this year

The month-long African American/Black History Month celebration — which officially began this week — takes on enormous historic significance, with 2009 being the first year of at least the next four, that our great nation will be led by the first African American U.S. President and Commander in Chief, Barack Obama.



Brig. Gen. May

This is a monumental milestone and represents an apex of a very long struggle and journey. This year's Black History Month takes on additional special significance because it is also the 100-year anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Every year the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, an organization founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, applies a theme to Black History Month. This year's theme is: "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas."

This is an occasion to highlight the problem of race and citizenship in American history, tracing the experiences of free Blacks in a land of slavery to the political aspirations of African Americans today. The centennial also provides an opportunity to explore the history of other nations in the Americas, where former slaves also sought the fruits of citizenship.

The history of Black History itself is something to note. Consider:

— In 1926, Woodson, who received a doctorate from Harvard, initiated "Negro History Week."

— The month of February was chosen because of the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass, a former slave, renowned orator, journalist and advocate; and America's 16th president, Abraham Lincoln; who issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, that declared forever free slaves within the American Confederacy.

— Former President Gerald R. Ford in 1976, announced the first Official Black History Month. By expanding this celebration from one week to include the entire month, it allowed more time for the nation and local communities to

"seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history" as quoted by President Ford.

African Americans have risen through the ranks to serve at the highest levels of command.

Today, we have Gen. William Ward, commander of the newly formed Africa command, Gen. Lloyd Austin III, Commanding the XVIII Airborne Corps, and preceding them Gen. Colin Powell as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, just to name a few.

Fort Jackson is proud to take part each year in the Black History Month celebration.

Next week, the 165th Infantry Brigade will host the annual Black History Month luncheon, which promises to be a great event. The event is planned for 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Solomon Center.

Please join the celebration as the Fort Jackson community comes together to recognize the tremendous accomplishments of African Americans to our great nation and our great Army.

Ask the Garrison Commander

Child care options; awards recommendations

Q My husband is currently deployed and I have to work on Saturdays. Why can't I use Saturday care for free while I work? My husband is supporting the Army's mission and I am told that the free Saturday care is for mission requirements.



Col. Dixon

A The free care on Saturday is limited to active duty Soldiers while performing a Fort Jackson mission. However, if your work week includes Saturday on a regular basis and only four days between Monday and Friday, center management will be happy to sit down with you and initiate a new contract

including Saturday as one of your five days of care. If that does not work for you, then you can use your 16 hours of free respite care per child per month on a Saturday. You also receive additional hours beyond 16 hours at a reduced cost of \$2 per hour per child as one of the deployment services fee reductions.

Q Is there a time limit on submitting a military award recommendation?

A Except for the provisions of Section 1130, Title 10, United States Code, outlined below and in Army Regulation

600-8-22 (Military Awards), paragraph 1-15, each recommendation for an award of a military decoration must be entered administratively into military channels within two years of the act, achievement or service to be honored. Submission into military channels is defined as "signed by the initiating official and endorsed by a higher official in the chain of command." However, pursuant to 10 USC 1130, a Member of Congress can request consideration of a proposal for the award or presentation of decoration (or the upgrading of a decoration), either for an individual or unit, that is not otherwise authorized to be presented or awarded due to limitations established by law or policy. Based upon such review, the

Secretary of the Army will make a determination as to the merits of approving the award or presentation of the decoration and other determinations necessary to comply with congressional reporting under 10 USC 1130.

Garrison Fact of the Week

The School Age Services Program now offers after school pick up at Mill Creek Elementary School and Annie Burnside Elementary School and has limited spaces available. To sign up, visit the Child, Youth & School Services Central Enrollment Office, Joe E. Mann Community Center, 3392 Magruder Avenue, 751-4865.

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Chapel upgrades nearing completion

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Renovations to the Magruder Chapel are scheduled to be completed by mid-March. The \$148,000 project began in November.

The chapel is one of three chapels of Chap. (Lt. Col.) David Acuff, 165th Infantry Brigade, calls the strip that have been undergoing renovations.

What we have here are triplets of chapels along the strip (Magruder Chapel, Daniel Circle Chapel and Anderson Street Chapel). They are identical," he said. "It doesn't strike you right away because of their positioning, but they are identical buildings. They were built sometime in the late 50s or early 60s."

Acuff said his first priority at Magruder Chapel was to replace the windows.

"These buildings were the last generation of building designed to be used without air conditioners. About a third of each wall is glass," Acuff said. "All of those old windows open. They would open them all up to get a little bit of cross



Photo by Mike A. Glasch

Renovations to Magruder Chapel are expected to be completed by mid-March. The majority of the \$148,000 project focused on replacing windows to make the building energy efficient as well as aesthetically appealing.

breeze. When air conditioning era came in you could not cool the buildings because they don't have energy-efficient glass."

The new windows are about one-third the size of the old ones. They are also made of energy-efficient glass, making the chapel easier to cool during the sum-

mer.

Acuff said he also plans to replace the flooring in the sanctuary by putting down hardwood floors with carpet under the pews.

"Very little has been done with these chapels during the last 50 years. It could

be a set design for Mad Men," Acuff said. "These buildings have been ridden pretty hard. They definitely needed some attention."

"It's a worthy investment. They are building a new BCT barracks facility right across the street, so this chapel will be used for the next 50 years. This building still has a long way to go."

During the renovation process, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment has been holding services in a battalion classroom, while 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment has been using the Joe E. Mann Center.

Acuff said that while it has been an inconvenience to have the chapel closed, the improvements will bring about an aesthetic as well as a spiritual advantage.

"There is a different atmosphere with a service that is in a classroom as opposed to one that is set up as holy space," he said. "The aesthetics, the art, the ambience are definitely influencing people in ways that they realize, and in ways they don't realize."

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TFM under new command



Photo by Mike A. Glasch

Lt. Col. Randy Pauley takes command of Task Force Marshall as he receives the unit's colors from the commander of the 171st Infantry Brigade, Col. Karl Reed during Wednesday's Change of Command at McCrady Training Center. Pauley replaces Lt. Col. Thomas Clarke.

DS spouses train for role

Daniel Terrill
Leader Staff

Every quarter Army Family Team Building helps drill sergeant spouses adjust to the lifestyle change with its Drill Sergeant Spouses Training.

Marriage to a drill sergeant can easily be compared to marriage to a deployed Soldier because drill sergeants spend a great deal of time away from home, said Angela Crosland, AFTB program manager. Reversed priorities can add more weight for his or her spouse to carry.

"They may be a mile away from you, but they can't help you with the kids or they can't take the kids or do this or do that around the house because they're out in the (training) cycle," she said.

The AFTB training includes an introduction to Army life, community involvement, stress management, family readiness, and ends with an open dialogue with a drill sergeant.

Most of the training refreshed the veteran Army spouses on military life, but since they are new drill sergeant spouses the course emphasized self-reliance and relationship strengthening.

During her stress management presentation, Tangelia Pasley, Prevention and Education coordinator, suggested spouses stop once a day for seven deep breaths to relax and refocus energy, so they can confidently complete tasks without the help of his or her drill sergeant.

It's an exercise designed to boost productivity and as Crosland said, "(Drill sergeant spouses) have to deal with a lot on their own."

Pasley said couples should also take advantage of their time together because they will appreciate it during time apart.

One suggestion: Share a 10-second kiss once a day as a reminder of physical and emotional attachments to each other.

Problems in military relationships are common, said Crosland, but for a drill sergeant's relationship, those problems are heightened because the drill sergeant is close by, but cannot help at home.

"When they are deployed you know when they are coming home, but when they are a drill sergeant, you know they're coming at night, but they'll pretty much go to sleep, wake up and go to work."

For some spouses such as Cursha Lunderman, a former Soldier, being apart from her husband for long hours will not be the problem, but she not being able to help him.

"When we were both in Afghanistan I could literally solve his problems, I can't do that now because I don't hold rank and I don't know what he is doing," Lunderman said.

Crosland said isolation is a common problem for drill sergeant spouses and most of them solve it by associating with other drill sergeant spouses.

For meeting listings check the community page.

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Around Post

FCC Recruiting Providers

The Family Child Care Program is recruiting military spouses who live in government quarters, and certified off-post individuals to be Family Child Care providers.

The next FCC training will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. Monday through Feb. 13, 3392 Magruder Ave. Applicants must apply by Friday. For additional information, call 751-6234/1293.

Black History Month celebration

The 165th Infantry Brigade is sponsoring the African American/Black History Month luncheon and celebration Wednesday from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Solomon Center.

This year's theme is, "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas." Tickets cost \$9 per person and are available through your brigade Equal Opportunity advisers, unit EO leaders or by calling 751-4247.

National Prayer Breakfast

The Fort Jackson National Prayer Breakfast will be held 7 a.m. at the NCO Club March 3. This year's theme is "The Strength of Great Leaders: Prayer." Soldiers can get tickets through their unit ministry teams in battalions and brigades. Civilians can get tickets by calling the Installation Chaplain Office at 751-6318/3121. A donation of \$5 at the door is suggested.

Vehicle Registration

Vehicles may be registered from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Military Police Station, Administrative Section, as the Vehicle Registration office often has a high volume of registrants.

Reporting Abuse

Every Soldier and member of the military community should report information about known and suspected cases of spouse or child abuse to the military police. The 24-hour report line is 751-3113.



At your service

phone numbers and opening hours for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-4329/5923	Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Andy's Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for opening hours on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program	751-4109/4104	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Army Community Service	751-5256	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Continuing Education Services	751-5341	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bowling, Century Lanes	751-6138	closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, 2-10 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	
Car Care Center	782-1639	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chaplain Museum	751-8827/8079	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child and Youth Services	751-4865	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	751-3219	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Class VI	782-1601	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Coleman Gym	751-5896	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Commissary	751-5789	Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
DA Photos (TSC)	751-7593	Monday-Thursday, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers) 751-4914 (Civilian)	Monday-Friday, 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.
Dental Clinics	751-5178/6017	Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Family Health Center	751-2273	Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Florist	738-1812	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Furniture Store	787-9175	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hospital Retail Annex	782-1263	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ID Section	751-7731	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Legal Assistance and Claims	751-4287/3603	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LCL-SSSC	790-5306	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Outpatient Pharmacy	751-2259	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MG Robert B. Solomon Center	751-4056	Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store	787-5248	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
NCO Club	782-2218	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The NCO Club is open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times
Officers' Club	751-4906	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (open to nonmembers); Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (members)
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3381	closed Monday; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1-7 p.m.
Perez Fitness Center	751-6258	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pools, Knight	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday
Pools, Legion	751-4796	Monday-Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday
Post Exchange	787-1950/1951/1952	Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Post Office	782-8709	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Recycling Center	751-4208	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Open 24 hours for drop-off
Refill Annex (PX mall)	751-2250	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Reuse Center	751-5121	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Safety Office	751-6004	Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Shoppettes Lee Road	782-0590	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Shoppettes Gate 1	782-2076	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Shoppettes Gate 2	790-4478	24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Theater	751-7488	Friday-Sunday, various times
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	
Vehicle Registration	751-5887	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Veterinary Clinic	751-7160	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Victory Travel	751-5812	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anything we missed? E-mail us at fjleader@conus.army.mil.

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Customer Service Corner

It is now the second month of the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2009. All of the issues that were submitted to Community FIRST during the month of January have been distributed to the directorate or organization responsible for resolution. The issues will be addressed and completed or will remain active until the next Installation Action Council (IAC) convenes.

Some of the issues on the current active list include:

- Designating a building for Family Readiness Group meetings
- Need for a weather shelter (in taxi area in PX parking lot)
- Special events for Drill Sergeant families
- Relocating the refill pharmacy
- Reimbursement for damages during PCS moves

The next IAC is scheduled for February 23, 1:00-3:00 in the Post Conference Room, building 4375. During this meeting, active issues will be revisited and may be voted to remain active, deemed unattainable, or forwarded to the Army Family Action Plan

(AFAP) Program Manager for forwarding to the Commanding General.

The entire Fort Jackson community is encouraged to attend in order to have their voices heard during discussions and voting on issues. All issues remaining active after the IAC, including those surfaced during this quarter's focus groups, will feed into the day and a half AFAP Conference, scheduled for March 4 and 5. More information regarding the conference can be received by calling the AFAP Program Manager at 751-5444.

Volunteers are needed for the Civilian Employee Focus Group scheduled for Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon in the PAIO Conference Room, Building 3499. All employees (both non-appropriated and appropriated funds) are invited to participate to surface any issues or concerns they may have with the installation. Input will improve Fort Jackson's working environment. Participants in this focus group will have the opportunity to out-brief the group's issues directly to the Garrison command.

Questions regarding the Community

FIRST issue resolution process should be directed to Customer Management Services at 751-4926/3425. A complete list of Community FIRST/AFAP issues and their status can be found on the CMS Website: <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/welbeing.htm>. New issues may be submitted on the site as well, by clicking on "Submit an Issue or Recommendation" or on the Community FIRST/AFAP Logo. Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups here at the installation level or throughout the Army, feedback is important.

ICE APPRECIATION

The Garrison congratulates the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Community Recreation Division; specifically Jack's Inn, and Perez Fitness Center. They have achieved a 4.70 and a 4.56 percent rating, respectively, in Employee/Staff Attitude of a possible 5.0 in a 12-week period. This is an outstanding performance in customer satisfaction! Keep up the good work!

A tip of the campaign hat to this week's ...

Drill Sergeants of the Cycle

from the "River Raiders" Battalion



Staff Sgt. Nathan Awai
Company A,
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry
Regiment



Staff Sgt. Tyrus Saberon
Company B,
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry
Regiment



Sgt. 1st Class Jonas Boggess
Company C,
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry
Regiment



Staff Sgt. Michael Woodland
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3rd Battalion,
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Regiment



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lines of operation, May emphasized the importance of improving the quality of life on Fort Jackson.

“We have a moral responsibility, in my view, to fight for the resources we need to provide the highest possible quality of life,” he said.

In addition to reviewing the campaign plan, the intent of the offsite was to continue to build professional and personal relationships among all senior leaders on post, Ryan said. To achieve this, attendees participated in team-building exercises.

“Our goal is to work as a team, so we can make Fort Jackson the best place we can make it,” May said.

The offsite was not a one-time event. Ryan said that plans are in place to conduct senior leader training forums quarterly.

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Vision Statement

Team Jackson, a proud legacy of training and inspiring American Soldiers for over 90 years, committed to transforming individuals and institutions, while at the same time providing the highest quality of life and care for our Soldiers, Civilians and Families.

Fort Jackson: Tradition, Training, Transformation.

Mission Statement

The USABCTCoE executes Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training; enhances our Drill Sergeant and Cadre Leader Training; and synchronizes our Service Support Operating Systems IOT effectively transform civilians, train Soldiers, and develop leaders who are physically tough, mentally adaptive, live the Warrior Ethos, and able to contribute to the success of their first unit of assignment meeting the demands of our Nation and Army at War.

Standing Intent

Purpose: The Purpose of this Standing Intent is to provide clarity and unity of effort to all Soldiers and civilians on Fort Jackson. In the absence of orders, this intent statement summarizes our view of our mission.

Key Tasks:

- Live the Army Values. Soldiers and civilians, we must be a role model for all we contact.
 - Discipline: is doing the right thing - even when nobody is watching. Take pride in our discipline.
 - All leaders, military and civilian, are paid to think. Constantly seek improvement.
 - We accomplish nothing by ourselves. Serving here means being a part of a team - and a team of teams.
 - Train all things to standard. Know the standard and enforce the standard.
 - Fort Jackson Soldiers must be “masters” in Basic Rifle Marksmanship and all aspects of First Aid.
 - Leaders, at all levels, take ownership for our barracks. Regardless of age, make them a showplace.
 - Sexual assault, in any form, is a crime and is not tolerated here.
 - When things go wrong, get accurate information quickly and efficiently and report to higher.
 - Great leaders, military and civilians, counsel their subordinates. Be a great leader.
- Endstate: Fort Jackson is a great place to serve our nation. Our task is to make it even better. Our mission is vital and our obligations to the nation demand the very best in all of us - military or civilian. Our legacy to the generations that follow must be one of selfless service coupled with strong and positive leadership. We will accomplish this task and build our legacy based upon our deeds not our words.

EEO Supervisor of the Year



Photo by Daniel Terrill

Brig. Gen. Bradley May congratulates Tony Risher, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, on being awarded Equal Employment Office Supervisor of the Year at the EEO committee meeting in the Post Conference Room Monday. Gail Anderson, Soldier Support Institute, was named EEO Counselor of the Year.

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contributions that are being made today including the first black commander-in-chief.”

The luncheon will be held Wednesday at MG Robert B. Solomon Center from 11:15 a.m. until 1 p.m.

For those who want to eat, tickets cost \$9 and can be purchased

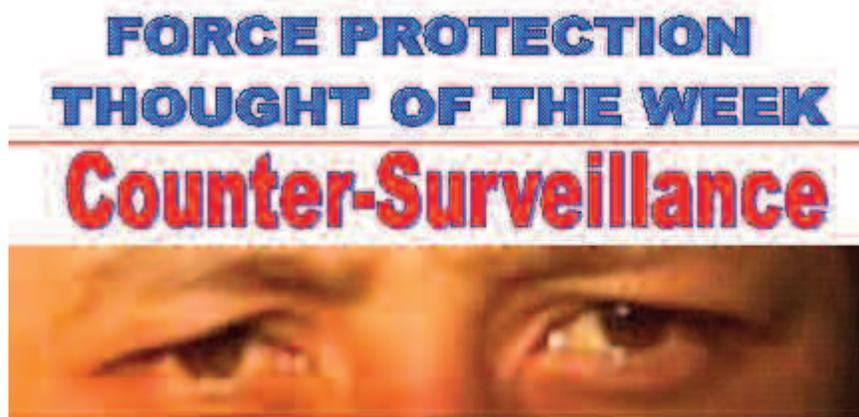
through a brigade Equal Opportunity adviser, unit EO leader, or Jackson, who can be reached at 751-4247.

Tickets are not needed for those who would like to come just for the entertainment.

“I hope everyone leaves there with the understanding that we are

an ever-growing community, an ever-growing culture, in that nothing is finalized; nothing is set in stone,” Jackson said. “There is more to everyone that meets the eye. We have the ability and potential to expand beyond anyone’s imagination.”

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YEAR OF THE NCO



The NCO Creed

No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as “the backbone of the Army.” I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

NCO spotlight on ...

Rank, name

Sgt. 1st Class Yancy Windham

Unit

Company F, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

Job title / Military Occupational Specialty

Drill sergeant / 94T Avenger System Repairer

Years in service

Eight years

Marital status

Single

Highest education

High school

Hobbies

Working out

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In the eight years Sgt. 1st Class Yancy Windham has served, he spent 15 months in Baghdad.

His first duty station was in Fort Polk, La, and since then he has been to Korea, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. and now here.

He said while stationed in Korea, Master Sgt. Promotable Lawrence Shepherd became his mentor and has influenced him while coming up through the ranks.



Photo by Daniel Terrill

Sgt. 1st Class Yancy Windham catches up on paperwork between drill cycles.

“He steered me in the right direction as far as being an NCO,” he said.

Windham’s ambition is to become a command sergeant major.

He has some advice for junior enlisted Soldiers.

“Do the right thing and learn your job,” Windham said. “You’ll be successful.”

We salute you!

FEATURE

Local couple has canine soft spot

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

In his 28 years in the Army, Task Force Marshall Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Hagan has worn different styles of uniforms, taken part in numerous missions and has followed orders by five commanders in chief. Throughout those changes, there has been one constant — his life has gone to the dogs, literally.

Hagan and his wife Debra, a human resource specialist with the 81st Regional Support Command, share their 15-acre property with two rescued German Shepherds, Havoc and Sheba, and five horses.

Rescuing dogs has become a passion for the couple, who had as many as five dogs at one point.

“Christmas at my house that year was lots of fun. We had dog bones and dog toys strewn about everywhere,” Dan said.

One of their former dogs has a particularly sad history. Dan recalled how Debra ended up with a new four-legged friend, Bella, during a vacation in Florida.

“Some woman drove up in a truck to the pier and she threw the dog out of the car and drove away,” Dan said. “Debra spent three days trying to coax this dog into coming to her.”

Havoc and Sheba, both are 3 years old, were adopted two years ago in Alabama. Havoc was training to become a police dog, but when the Sheriff’s department ran out of fund-

ing, he was given away to a man who crated him up to 22 hours a day, Dan explained.

When Dan and Debra found out that the dog was up for adoption, they moved quickly.

“We walked in the door, and I took one look at the dog and said, ‘Well, that’s easy,’” Dan said. “We actually took him and the crate that very day.”

Sheba belonged to an elderly couple who could no longer take care of the rambunctious 1-year old dog.

“(The owners) were looking for somebody to take care of her, so we went ahead and we got her, too,” Debra said.

The dogs now roam the Hagans’ house and pastures and also have some responsibilities.

“They guard the house, that’s their daytime job,” Dan said. “Sheba herds the horses. She moves them from pasture to pasture. It’s incredible to watch. Now Havoc is starting to do it because he’s watching her.”

The rewards of giving animals a new lease on life are plenty, the couple said.

“The dogs that you rescue are usually already trained. They’re already housebroken. They know right from wrong,” Dan said. “They give love unconditionally and don’t ask for anything in return.”

Dan never had dogs before he got married, but could hardly imagine life without them now.

“They’re like adopted children,” he said.

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Photo by Susanne Kappler

Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Hagan, Task Force Marshall, walks his 3-year old rescued German Shepherd Havoc.

FEATURE

A 'hairy' situation for a good cause

Daniel Terrill
Leader Staff

Individual Ready Reservist Sgt. Jason Hallisey's hair was 18 inches long when he was reactivated. When he reported for processing at Fort Jackson's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Monday, he failed to meet Army standards — but he did meet Locks of Love standards.

The 25-year old from Texarkana, Texas, grew out his hair so when the time came to cut it he could donate more to the Florida-based organization that provides hair-pieces to children suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

It requires donors to bundle hair in a braid or ponytail at least 10 inches long; hair must be cut, not shaved; hair cannot be bleached; hair must be sealed in a plastic bag and then mailed in a padded envelope.

Returning to the Army, he knew his hair had to be cut and throwing his hair away would be a waste, he said.

"I figured I'd just donate it," he said and added, "it ain't going to do any good on the floor."

Sgt. 1st Class Linda Maxie, Company E, 171 Infantry Brigade drill sergeant, who processed Hallisey, said a lot of Soldiers return with long hair, but "he is the first one that had this stuff all laid out, the first to (want to donate) before he got here."

Hallisey said he was inspired by a friend in Texarkana.

"He grew it out specifically for Locks of Love, so before I left I asked him for the (information) and his wife got the stuff together for me," Hallisey said.

At the barber shop he put his hair in a ponytail, cut it and bagged it appropriately.

Hallisey said someday he will grow his hair long again, so he does not feel much loss cutting it all off.

Thankfully, it's not being wasted, he said.

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Photo by Daniel Terrill

Sgt. Jason Hallisey, who was recently reactivated, has his 18-inch hair cut by Melissa Thompson Monday in the Mini Mall barber shop. Thompson cut the hair according to the instructions provided by Locks of Love, the organization to which Hallisey donated his hair.

AER sets record in Soldiers' assistance

**Army Emergency Relief
Press Release**

WASHINGTON — Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief today announced a record year in providing emergency financial and educational assistance to Soldiers and their Families in 2008. Total AER assistance reached \$83 million — up from the \$74 million of assistance in 2007.

During 2008, AER handled 66,000 cases of financial assistance for unexpected financial stress to include emergency travel, housing, car repair, utilities, medical expenses, funeral costs and disaster relief along with support to surviving families of fallen Soldiers, and grants to widows and wounded warriors.

Financial assistance in 2008 represents an overall 12 percent increase over 2007 levels. While some of this increase may be related to the economy, AER also credits its efforts to improve access to AER assistance through our Command Referral and Retired Soldier outreach programs.

The Command Referral Program gives company and-battalion commanders and first sergeants the authority to approve up to \$1,000 in interest free loans for their Sol-

diers and provides a meaningful way for unit leaders to be directly involved in addressing financial problems of their Soldiers. The AER Retired Soldier Outreach effort is conducted during the annual campaign to provide an opportunity for retirees to make donations as well as provide information on how to obtain assistance if needed.

In support of its education program AER disbursed \$12.1 million in scholarships to more than 5,600 children and spouses of Soldiers.

AER Scholarship programs include the MG James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children, the Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program for spouses of active duty Soldiers assigned and living in overseas commands, and the Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program. Full details on these programs to include eligibility requirements and application deadlines, may be found on the AER website: www.aerhq.org.

In the 2008 fiscal year, Fort Jackson's AER office disbursed nearly \$1.1 million dollars in no interest loans and grants to Soldiers and their Families. AER assisted with rent and mortgage payments, vehicle repairs, emergency travel cost, utilities and a host of other unforeseen emer-

gencies.

Rent/mortgage assistance and assistance approved under the Commander's Referral Program continues to be the leading categories of financial assists.

AER's Commander's Referral Program is continuing to gain popularity on Fort Jackson.

Fort Jackson disbursed nearly \$325 thousand in Commander's Referral assistance. This program gives company commanders and first sergeants who have taken the required training the flexibility to approve AER assistance for up to \$1,000. Allowing Soldiers to approve AER assistance streamlines the application progress and usually results in a 24 hour assistance turnaround.

AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their families wherever they are located and the amount of assistance is only limited by a valid need.

Soldiers and their family members who need AER assistance can contact their unit chains of command or go to their local installation AER office.

Fort Jackson's AER Office is located at 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd., Room 120. One can also call Angela Crosland, Fort Jackson's AER specialist, at 751-5256.

Keep more of your money using special tax advantages

**Harvey S. Cohan
Financial Planner**

It is not about how much money you make but how much money you keep.

There are many special tax benefits provided to Armed Forces personnel to help you keep more of what you make.

A major tax-free benefit is the combat exclusion. Under this exclusion, members of the Armed Forces including active duty reservists, may exclude from gross income all compensation for active service received for any month in which they served in a combat zone or were hospitalized as a result of any wound, injury, or disease incurred while serving in a combat zone.

Commissioned officers are allowed an exclusion, equal to the highest rate of basic pay at the top pay level for enlisted personnel plus any hostile fire, imminent danger pay received for the month. If you are enlisting or reenlisting your bonuses are fully taxable.

However, if your reenlistment occurs while you are in a qualified Combat Zone the bonus is tax-free. Thus, you keep more of what you make by reenlisting while in a Combat Zone. Combat zones include Iraq

and neighboring areas in the "Arabian Peninsula "Afghanistan and the Balkan.

A big caution to those armed forces members who are married. If you are married and your domicile (permanent home to which you intend to return) is in one of the following states your military pay is subject to community property laws of that state: Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. If you make this choice you may lose more of your pay. Remember it is not what you make but what you keep.

Congress has passed new tax breaks for military personnel and their families. The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (Heart) extends certain tax breaks and allows some new ones to individuals in the military or the surviving family members.

For example, combat pay election for earned income credit. The election to treat

non-taxable combat pay as earned income for tax purposes of the earned income tax credit expired the end of 2007, but the new law permanently extends this option.

State and local bonuses are tax-free. Some states and municipalities pay bonuses to active or former military personnel or their dependants because such payments are exclusions from gross income under the new law.

If such payments were reported distribution to Reservists — Reservists called to active duty for at least 180 days are not subject to the 10 percent penalty for distributions before age 59 and six months from retirement plans and IRA's. They are also allowed in some cases to make withdrawals of unused benefits from a health flexible spending account.

Beneficiaries who receive military death gratuities or payments from the Service members Group Life Insurance program can roll those amount over to a Roth IRA

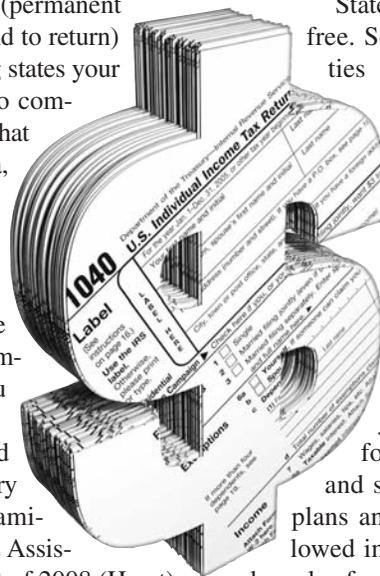
or Coverdell educations savings account. The usual limits on contribution amounts and income limitation for the Roth IRA's and Coverdell ESA's do not apply to these rollovers.

The rollover rule generally applies with respect to deaths from injuries occurring on or after June 17, 2008 and for a death from injuries that occurred on or after October 7, 2001 and before June 17, 2009 to qualify for making a rollover contribution. Therefore, up to the maximum limit of \$400,000 can be rolled over and remain tax-free. Remember, it is not what you make, it is what you keep.

These are just some of the many special rules that apply to the Armed Forces. All tax advice above is for general informational use only and should not be construed as personal tax advice.

For more information concerning taxes or financial planning, call Army Community Services at 751-5256 and ask to speak to a Personal Financial Specialist or stop by the Strom Thurmond Building at 5450 Strom Thurmond Boulevard, Room 120.

All financial advice is free and confidential.



Army strives to reduce sexual assaults

C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Through its Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention and Response Program, the Army hopes to change command climates to make victims of sexual assault feel more comfortable reporting the crime.

Secretary of the Army Pete Geren recently discussed the Army's efforts to reduce sexual assault within the ranks, a crime he said that is not just an assault on a person, but on the whole Army.

"Since Sept. 11, 2001, we've had 1,800 Soldiers who have been punished for sexually assaulting a fellow Soldier," Geren said. "Soldier-on-Soldier violence, blue-on-blue — sexual assault is a crime everywhere, but in the Army, it is a crime that is more than just a crime against the victim. In the Army it is a crime against the core values that bind our Army together."

Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes in the United States and in the Army as well, said Carolyn Collins, program manager of the Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Through the SAPR program, the Army hopes to change the cultural climate so Soldiers who are victims of sexual assault will be more likely to report the crime.

"The last couple of years we have seen a bit of a plateau in the reporting, but ... we are certainly still having convic-

tions of sexual assault," Collins said. "We know we are not where we want to be yet. We are looking to increase our propensity to report, and bring down the actual number of assaults. We are looking to close that gap. We want to raise the number of reports so we can get more investigated, and hold offenders accountable for those actions, and we want to reduce the number."

The Army is also doing more to ensure that when Soldiers report a sexual assault, the crime is properly investigated and prosecuted.

Secretary Geren has approved funding to provide 15 special victim prosecutors — that's additional personnel billets within the judge advocate general corps that will be filled from within the ranks by those that have proven themselves as especially effective prosecutors and who also have experience in sexual assault prosecution.

"They will focus exclusively on those cases, and on training the balance of our prosecutorial and defense force on those kinds of cases," said Maj. Gen. Scott Black, judge advocate general of the U.S. Army. "They will have previous experience, and special training as well. The idea is to pick people who are ... very very good in the prosecutorial function, and then ... have experience in this particular area of prosecution. We are identifying them now."

Black said those special prosecutors would come from the JAG ranks, would serve for a minimum of three-year

tours, and would be positioned at installations such as Fort Bragg, N.C. and Fort Hood, Texas, where there are large concentrations of Soldiers.

Brig. Gen. Rodney Johnson, the provost marshal general of the Army, said the service will add an additional 30 special investigators to be assigned at 22 of the Army's largest installations to assist Criminal Investigation Command agents in investigating sexual assault crimes.

Those investigators, Johnson said, would provide insight into how civilian juries look at sexual assault cases and what kinds of evidence are needed to prosecute. The investigators would also look at sexual predator and victim behavior and the scientific perspective of sexual assault investigation.

An additional seven "highly qualified experts" are also coming aboard, Johnson said, to provide training and assistance to CID agents.

"We in CID already have highly skilled agents investigating these crimes," Johnson said. "But bringing the civilian expertise onboard will simply be a valuable tool to glean insight and a fresh perspective in many areas. Our special agents and supervisors will be working shoulder-to-shoulder with those highly qualified experts on our most challenging and complex cases."

Black said there are already four of those experts on board, with the remaining to be brought in by mid-February.

February Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>
BUSH, Kenneth W.	COL	USACHCS	SHAW, Ryan L.	MAJ	Student Detachment
CARNAHAN, Robert K.	COL	Student Detachment	STAMBERSKY, Shannon V.	MAJ	Student Detachment
HAGUE, Mark O.	COL	Student Detachment	THIBEAULT, Jennifer V.	MAJ	Student Detachment
BLEDSON, Charles E.	LTC	HHC, TSB	THIBEAULT, Joshua, W.	MAJ	Student Detachment
CLEVELAND, Sean D.	LTC	Student Detachment	TREPANIER, Anita R.	MAJ	Student Detachment
COLLINS, Liam S.	LTC	Student Detachment	UNDERWOOD, Robert E. III	MAJ	Student Detachment
CUEVAS, Eloy E.	LTC	Student Detachment	WAINWRIGHT, Ryan K.	MAJ	4th FA BCD
GREEN, William Jr.	LTC	USACHS	WARREN, Jason W.	MAJ	Student Detachment
LUNDAY, Brian J.	LTC	Student Detachment	WILKINSON, Christopher M.	MAJ	Student Detachment
MAXWELL, Paul E.	LTC	Student Detachment	ALEXANDER, Victor D.	1LT	Student Detachment
SHERRILL, Tommie L.	LTC	Student Detachment	BOWMAN, Bethany R.	1LT	MEDDAC
ANDERSON, Joseph E.	MAJ	Student Detachment	CARRION, Filiz	1LT	Student Detachment
AWBREY, Lance D.	MAJ	Student Detachment	HAGEMAN, Jaclyn M.	1LT	MEDDAC
BABBITT, Thomas A.	MAJ	Student Detachment	HAYES, Tameeka	1LT	Co D 1/61st Inf
BELMONT, Jonathan T.	MAJ	Student Detachment	HUEWITT, Walter G. Jr.	1LT	Student Detachment
BIRD, Elliott J.	MAJ	Student Detachment	ISLAM, Mohammad R.	1LT	Student Detachment
BRONIKOWSKI, Scott A.	MAJ	Student Detachment	MACHADOMATOS, Noel A.	1LT	Co F 1/13th Inf
CASTORINA, Susan A.	MAJ	Student Detachment	MOSE, Stephen L.	1LT	Student Detachment
CLARK, William J.	MAJ	Student Detachment	POTEAU, Pierre K.	1LT	Student Detachment
DOSS, John C.	MAJ	Student Detachment	RIVERSANCHEZ, Javier R.	1LT	Co F 1/34th Inf
EASTBURG, Amy J.	MAJ	Student Detachment	ROSS, David B.	1LT	Student Detachment
EASTBURG, Christopher I.	MAJ	Student Detachment	GARCIA, Paul A.	CW4	Student Detachment
FINKHOUSEN, Daniel C.	MAJ	Student Detachment	GOINES, Donald.	SGM	2/307th FA (TS) RGT
GATZKE, Benjamin T.	MAJ	Student Detachment	AUSTIN, Valetta D.	SFC	HQ/Co A 369th AG BN
GRIMMING, Robert P.	MAJ	Student Detachment	BARBER, Regnor A.	SFC	Co F 3/34th Inf
HAMMONS, Alan M.	MAJ	Student Detachment	BARCINAS, Joey P.	SFC	Co F 2/60th Inf
JAMES, Corey M.	MAJ	Student Detachment	BILLUPS, Keith D.	SFC	Co C 2/13th Inf
JONES, Hugh W.	MAJ	Student Detachment	COFFILL, Matthew B.	SFC	HQ/Co A 369th AG BN
KANANEN, Brant E.	MAJ	Student Detachment	DAVIS, Natona A.	SFC	Student Detachment
KOVANEN, Andrew M.	MAJ	Student Detachment	HARRIS, Fredrick	SFC	Co D 3/60th Inf
KRETCHMAN, Christiana J.	MAJ	Student Detachment	MANZI, James R.	SFC	Co D 187th Ord Bn
MCGUNEGLE, Steven B.	MAJ	Student Detachment	MARBURY, Adrian L.	SFC	Co F 1/61st Inf
MCINERNEY, Michael E.	MAJ	Student Detachment	PREWITT, Taneisha.	SFC	Co F 3/34th Inf
MICHEL, Craig M.	MAJ	Student Detachment	PRICE, Aaron, J.	SFC	Co F 2/39th Inf
MIX, Jeffrey D.	MAJ	Student Detachment	RANKINS, Naomi, L.	SFC	USACHCS
NELSON, Ryan B.	MAJ	Student Detachment	STEVENS, Andrew A.	SFC	Co C 1/61st Inf
REESE, Morgan B.	MAJ	Student Detachment	WASHINGTON, Rita F.	SFC	HQ 2/60th Inf
ROGOWSKI, Michael P.	MAJ	Student Detachment	FRANCE, Jacob H.	SSG	120th AG BN
ROWLAND, David B.	MAJ	Student Detachment	NUUVALI, Susie S.	SSG	Co F 1/13th Inf

OPINION – EDITORIAL

Mentoring a full-time job for ROCKS

COMMENTARY

Retired Lt. Col. Elgin Allmond
The ROCKS, Inc.

Although National Mentoring Month is observed each year in January, every month is mentoring month in the James Webster Smith Chapter of The ROCKS, Inc. NMM, since first proclaimed by former President George W. Bush in 2002, is an annual, high-profile campaign to draw attention to the need for more volunteer mentors to help America's young people achieve their full potentials.

Because mentoring programs in our community need more volunteers, the White House, Congress, leading media companies, and nonprofit groups have joined together to help recruit mentors for young people. President Barack Obama supported NMM and National Day of Service on the Martin Luther King Holiday. First Lady Michelle Obama urges us to consider mentoring at-risk youth.

The ROCKS, Inc. is a non-profit organization opened to all active duty, reserve, national guard, retired, and former officers and warrant officers.

In the mid-1960's, a group of officers attending Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., began to meet informally. In late 1974, some of the same officers organized to provide professional and social interaction/development to strengthen the officer corps after completing CGSC and being reassigned to the Pentagon and other places in the Greater Washington, D.C. Area.

For more than 10 years, the JWS Chapter has focused on mentoring, professional development, academic excellence, and community activities.

The JWS Chapter has two mentoring programs. It has one program for its own members conducted through formal and informal relationships. Almost daily, JWS members mentor with a primary focus on junior officers.

These mentoring sessions take place before, during, and after duty at Fort Jackson. One may see mentoring being performed at physical training, during all meals in the dining facilities and other eating places on and off-post, and in the actual workplaces.

The other program is Leadership Outreach to South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina and area colleges and universities. USC enrolls students from three Historically Black Colleges and

Universities, namely Allen University, Benedict College and Morris College, in its ROTC program. Since 2004, members of the chapter organized under the vice president for operations and mentoring committee have made numerous visits and presentations to SCSU and USC Cadets. Many of these mentees are lieutenants and captains on active duty and in Reserve and National Guard units.

Since 1999, the JWS Chapter has held special leadership panels of senior officers, warrant officers, NCOs, and civilians speaking to audiences of mostly junior officers on how to be successful leaders. Each month, JWS meets and presents PD sessions on topics of interest to officers, warrant officers, NCOs, and civilians. Because mentoring is our main focus; every month is mentoring month in this chapter.

Editor's note: *Retired Lt. Col. Allmond is a logistics management specialist for the Readiness Command. He has expertise in logistics, organization development, and equal opportunity. He also has numerous years of affiliation with SOLE-The Society of Logistics, The ROCKS, and other professional, civic, fraternal, and/or volunteer organizations.*

Fort Jackson talks back

What quality of life aspect do you like best at Fort Jackson and why?



Angela Crosland
DA Civilian

"The support services that are available and the resources."



Sgt. Eric Stripling
HHC, 120th AG Battalion (Reception)

"Training Soldiers, I get to be more like a mentor to the younger Soldiers and new people coming to the Army."



Karen Watson
DA Civilian

"The post gymnasiums are excellent on Fort Jackson now that they're free. Andy's Fitness Center is great for families and I love Palmetto Falls Water Park."

William Greene
DA Civilian



"I like the benefits of using the PX and commissary, but I also think the base has to create something to keep the money on post to generate revenue to keep places like the movie theater open."

Yvonne Renee Jenkins
DA Civilian



"Having a job means the most to me because there are so many people out of jobs and we are truly blessed to have a job."

Staff Sgt. Iola Lewis
HHC,
120th AG Battalion (Reception)



"Living on post is good. As far as other qualities are concerned, you've got the education center, free gyms. I just enjoy staying on post."

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

I need a home

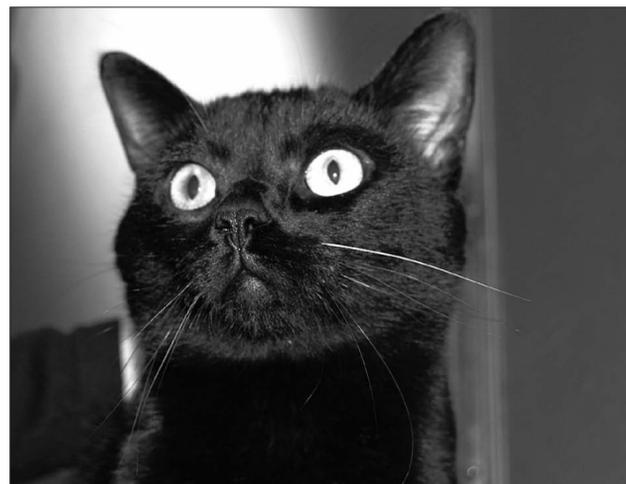


Photo by Susanne Kappler

This 4-year-old black male cat needs a home. For information on pet adoption or other services, call the Veterinary Clinic at 751-7160.

This Week

Commanders' training

The Army Emergency Relief commanders and first sergeants referral training is 9-10:30 a.m. today at the Education Center, Room B302.

Reclamation Sale

The Fort Jackson reclamation sale will be Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for active duty, Reservists and National Guardsmen; Friday, 3-5 p.m., is the sale for installation senior leadership only.

This is a cash-only sale and item quantities are limited.

Upcoming

Army Community Services

The **Exceptional Family Member Program** outing to the Jamil Shrine Temple Circus is Saturday. Participants meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Strom Thurmond Building. The show starts at 10 a.m. RSVP Cheryl Jackson by phone or e-mail cheryl.jackson1@us.army.mil. Tickets are free for registered EFMP families.

The next **ACS playgroup** will be held 10-11:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Feb. 18, at Building 5615 on Hood Street.

The **Hearts Apart** committee meeting will be held Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m. in Building 2179, Room A12. The **Baby Basics** class is 10-11:30 a.m. at the Joe E. Mann Center.

A **Resume Writing for Beginners** class will be held 9-11:30 a.m. at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223.

A class on **How to Start a Business** will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to

noon at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223.

An **Art of Relaxation** class will be held Feb. 12 at Building 5615 on Hood Street, Room 10.

The **Hearts Apart Valentine Social** is 6-8 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Main Post Chapel.

For information about all events, call ACS at 751-5256.

Employment Readiness

Army Community Services will host Employment Readiness Program Orientation March 4 and 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. Participants must register to attend. For more information or to register, call 751-5452.

Spouse Sponsorship Training

Spouse Sponsorship Training will be held 9-11 a.m., Feb. 25, at 5615 Hood Street. Participants must register to attend. To register, call Malissa Welch at 751-5458.

Federal employment

The Steps to Federal Employment workshop will be held 8:30-11:30 a.m. March 25 at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. Participants must register to attend. For information or to register, call 751-5452.

ROCKS Meeting

The James Webster Smith Chapter of the ROCKS Inc. will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Post Conference Room.

All ROCKS and prospective ROCKS are invited to attend. Monthly ROCKS meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 751-1898.

Balfour Beatty activities

The Balfour Beatty Communities LifeWorks Program has several activities planned for Fort Jackson housing residents. All activities start or take place at the Balfour Beatty office at 5939 Thomas Court.

— Kids Day is 10 a.m. today. Each Thursday parents are encouraged to meet each other while their children play.

— Friday is National Dental Awareness Day. Visit the Balfour Beatty community office 2-4 p.m. to learn about proper dental care and receive free goodies. There will be a special visit a popular children's character.

— A Spa Day for Moms will be held Feb. 13 at the Balfour Beatty community office. There will be facials, massages and other free services. Only the first 25 registrants will be able to participate. To register, call Courtney Williams at 738-8275.

— Balfour Beatty will hold a chili cook-off Feb. 26 at the community office. The first place winner will receive a prize package worth \$100.

For information about Balfour Beatty events, call 738-8275.

Soldiers, retirees and family members. Free child care is offered to those who register before Feb. 10. Registration is mandatory for all who want to attend. Call 751-4862 to register.

New Safety Center Web Site

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has launched a new Web site, which can be found at <https://safety.army.mil>.

Financial Planning Help

Army Community Service has three certified financial planners available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday to help Soldiers, retirees and family members with free and confidential advice. To make an appointment, call 751-5256.

Early Hours for Car Care Center

The Fort Jackson Car Care Center will open at 7 a.m., instead of 8 a.m., for a 120-day trial period to help customers.

FMWR Key Fobs

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering key fobs for patrons of FMWR exercise facilities for easier access.

Soul Line Dancing

A new Soul Line Dancing session is under way. The cost is \$4 per class or \$20 per month for a membership, which includes access to all aerobic classes. Dance classes are offered Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information or to register, call 751-4893/5317.

Announcements

Fort Jackson Thrift Shop

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop no longer hold its 10 cent blowout sale. The shop will still be open the first Saturday of each month and there will still be sales.

Business seminar

The South Carolina Community Enterprise and Women's Business Center is giving a free, three-hour seminar Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223. The seminar is open to everyone and is free of charge. Registration is required.

Call Barbara Martin at ACS Employment Readiness at 751-5452.

DeCA Scholarship Applications

The Defense Commissary Agency is accepting applications for its 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program. The deadline for applications is Feb. 18. Scholarship applications are available in commissaries or online at <https://www.commissaries.com> or <https://www.militaryscholar.org>.

WorkKeys

ACS Employment Readiness is offering free WorkKeys preparation classes and assessments. The classes are March 3 from 9 a.m. to noon, March 10, 17, and 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and April 2, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In order to get a career-readiness certification, one must attend all sessions. WorkKeys is a portable credential that easily moves to employment opportunities across the nation.

The class is open to all active duty

DOVE Connection

A DOVE Connection lunch and learn empowering women is set from noon to 1 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month at 5615 Hood St., Room 10.

For more information or to register, call 751-6303.

Housing Area Traffic Changes

Demolition and construction is currently taking place. Roads will be closed and redirected. Changes include:

Howie Village — Furman Smith Road at McLeod Court has been changed to two-way traffic. On-street parking will not be allowed from that point on. Overflow parking will be available in McLeod Court. Furman Smith Road off Lee Road will be redirected to Semmes Road and Knight Avenue.

Pierce Terrace 2 — Owens Road between Mills and Willett roads is closed, including Wells and Yarborough courts. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic is available off Willet and Chesnut roads.

Pierce Terrace 6 — Mills Road from Brown Avenue to Imboden Street is closed, including Batson and Boone courts. Also closed are buildings 5717, 5719, 5721, 5723, 5729 and 5751. Imboden Street is open to pedestrians and motorists.

Bradley Court and Building 5790 — This area is fenced off. Brown Avenue is

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open to pedestrians and motorists.

Family Child Care Web Site

The Family Child Care Web site, www.armyfcc.com, offers installation program information about FCC for the general public. Interested parents may visit CYSS Central Enrollment or the FCC office to request a password to view FCC provider profiles.

EO Training Web Site

The Equal Opportunity Training Proponent has launched EO Net. EO Net provides one-stop shopping for EO information and training material.

The site is available for anyone with a valid AKO account.

For more information, visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/463396>.

Motorcycle Safety Training

To operate a motorcycle on Fort Jackson, Soldiers and civilians are required to take the Basic Rider Course. Soldiers also need to attend the training to ride a motorcycle off post.

The BRC is a two-day course offered weekly. The Safety Office also offers an optional Experienced Rider Course. All classes are free. Soldiers and civilian employees will not be charged pass or leave to attend. Training is available to retirees and family members on a space available basis. For more information, call 751-RIDE (7433).

Military OneSource

The Military OneSource call center is open around the clock for military personnel and family members. Call (800) 342-9647 or visit www.militaryOneSource.com.

\$2K Referral Bonus Offered

Soldiers, U.S. Military Academy cadets, ROTC contracted cadets, members of the Future Soldier Training Program, Army retirees and Department of the Army civilians can earn \$2,000 for referring their acquaintances to Army and Army Reserve recruiters.

For more information, visit www.usarec.army.mil/support/bonus_program.htm.

Individual Resume Class

The Employment Readiness Program is offering Resume Writing for Beginners individual classes. Call 751-5452 for more information.

Post family housing landscaping schedule

Housing residents are reminded of the weekly landscaping schedule:

Mondays — Pierce Terrace 1 and 2.
Tuesdays — Pierce Terrace 3 and 4;
Wednesdays — Pierce Terrace 5 and 6.
Thursdays — Howie Village and Pershing area.

Fridays — Pierce Terrace 7 and rain day make-up.

Residents should ensure the yard is clear of any obstacles that may prevent mowing, weeding and edging.

Family Housing refuse collection

Refuse collection is scheduled for regular trash pick up, recyclables and yard debris and bulk trash.

No trash of any kind may be put out before 7 p.m. the evening before scheduled pick-up day. The schedule for trash pick-up is as follows:

Mondays — Pierce Terrace 1,2,3 and 6.
Tuesdays — Pierce Terrace 4,5,7 and Howie Village.

Wednesdays — recyclables and yard debris;

Thursdays — bulk trash.

For more information, call 787-6416.

ChildFind Early Childhood Screenings

Parents who live on post and have concerns about their child's development regarding speaking, thinking, moving, social and emotional skills or daily living skills can schedule a ChildFind screening appointment for possible special education services. For more information or to schedule a screening, call 782-1772.

BGC Midlands — Before School and After School Care

Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands, through the Army School Age Programs in Your Neighborhood (ASPYN) initiative, offers care for children of Soldiers and authorized civilian employees who have early morning schedules.

This care begins at 5 a.m. at Killian Elementary School. Children will be transported to other schools by bus.

The cost of care is the same as before-school care on post and is based on total family income. After School Care enrollment is ongoing, and weekly fees range from \$12 to \$34, also based on total family income. Both programs are open to military and civilian employees.

For locations, times or more information, visit www.bgcmidlands.org or call 231-3300 or 751-6150. To register, call the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands at 252-9578.

Fire Prevention — Test, Inspect

The Fire Prevention Office reminds family housing residents to test and inspect the smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector and stove top fire suppression system monthly.

To test the detectors, hold in the test button until the alarm sounds. To test the suppression system, verify the needle is in the green, the pin is not in the extinguisher and there are no obstructions around the cables and the pulley.

If the alarm does not sound or if there is a problem, contact the housing maintenance office immediately at 787-6416 for replacement. For any questions, call 751-1610/5239.

Boy scouts

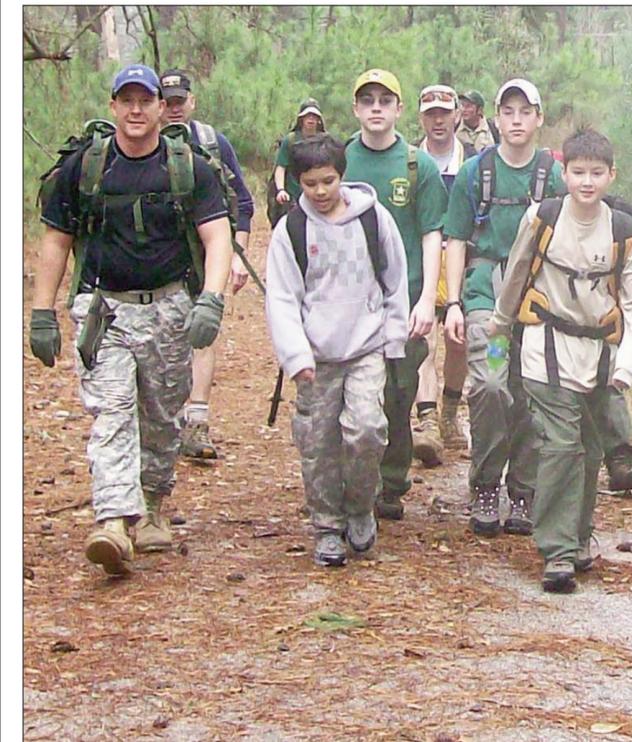


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ron. L Doiron

Fort Jackson Boy Scout Troop 89 hiked a 10-mile portion of the Palmetto Trail, led by Scoutmaster Mark Kirkendall in January. Troop 89 collects food from the Fort Jackson housing areas for donation to local food banks.

Fire Alarm Warning

If occupants of a building notice a malfunction in the fire alarm system, it should be reported immediately by calling 751-4142/7217.

No one should work on a fire alarm system except authorized personnel. Tampering with a fire alarm system, a violation of Fort Jackson Regulation 420-90 and South Carolina law, is punishable under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. For more information, call 751-1610.

New Initiative for Transitioning Soldiers

A new service, ACAP Express, allows Soldiers to use the Internet to register for Army Career and Alumni Program services, schedule a wide range of classes and use online tools to create resumes and cover letters. Soldiers can use their AKO login to use <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

After School Program in Your Neighborhood

The Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands has partnered with Army Child and Youth Services to bring quality programs to elementary schools in your neighborhood. Programs being offered are after-school care, summer camp and before-school care.

For more information, visit

www.bgcmidlands.org or call, 231-3300.

Gold Star Lapel Pin

Soldiers who have lost an immediate family member in combat are now authorized to wear the Gold Star lapel pin on the Army Green uniform.

Immediate family is defined as a spouse, mother, father, children or step-children.

Enlisted Soldiers wear the pin centered both vertically and horizontally on the left lapel of the uniform.

Officers wear the pin centered on the left lapel one-quarter inch below the branch insignia. For more information, refer to Army Regulation 670-1, paragraph 29-7.

APO/FPO Flat-Rate Box

The U.S. Postal Service will offer a military discount for Priority Mail large flat-rate boxes shipped to APO/FPO addresses.

The boxes cost \$10.95 and can be ordered online. For more information, visit www.usps.com.

Spouse Overseas Employment

Individual appointments are available for Spouse Overseas Employment Orientation. For more information, call 751-5452.

HEALTH

Tips to help Soldiers stay healthy after deployment

Carlla E. Jones

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention

It is not uncommon for Soldiers to report health concerns after deployment.

According to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center, during post-deployment reassessment, 39 percent of active-duty Soldiers reported they had health concerns which were not a wound or injury, and 29 percent reported that their health was worse than before deployment.

Many Soldiers experience minor, temporary changes in their health after returning from a deployment. These short-term changes are mostly due to reintegration into home and family life, deployment travel and jet lag, and getting used to a different schedule and diet.

Soldiers may also feel tired, have a change in appetite or experience sore muscles. These effects should be temporary and decrease as the days go by.

If the symptoms do not improve, or if they get worse, Soldiers should be sure to see a health-care provider as

soon as possible.

It is important to be aware of one's health after returning home. Most illnesses related to deployment occur while troops are still in theater. However, some diseases and other medical conditions may not cause noticeable symptoms until several months after Soldiers arrive at their home station.

Almost all symptoms will appear within the first six months after returning from deployment. If you experience any of the symptoms below in the first few weeks or months after returning home, you should get medical care as soon as possible:

- Fever
- Muscle or joint pain
- Stomach or bowel problems
- Swollen glands
- Skin problems
- Excessive tiredness
- Emotional problems
- Difficulty sleeping
- Shortness of breath

– Weight loss

It is very important to tell your health-care provider when and where you were deployed. The earlier tests are done to determine the cause of the symptoms, the sooner the correct diagnosis can be made and treatment can begin.

It is not unusual for Soldiers to experience difficulties when readjusting to their home duty station. There are a number of strategies one can use to stay healthy during this time:

- Eat regularly. Make healthy food choices. Stay away from high-fat, high-sugar foods.
- Get plenty of exercise.
- Don't let medical problems go untreated. Keep regular appointments with your health-care provider. Maintain preventive medicine screenings.
- Make sure you get a good night's sleep.
- Balance the amount of time spent at work, with friends and with your family.
- Make time to relax. Take time to do activities you enjoy.

MEDDAC NCO, Soldier of the Year



Sgt. Deborah Eggins, a healthcare NCO at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, is the 2008 Medical Activity NCO of the Year at Fort Jackson. She also won the competition for Southeast Regional Medical Command.

Sgt. Deborah Eggins



Spc. Oscar Ortega, the Medical Activity driver at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, won the 2008 Soldier of the Year competition at Fort Jackson.

Spc. Oscar Ortega

MACH updates

The pharmacy is now located on the ground floor and the TRICARE Service Center has moved to the 10th floor. Offices for the Exceptional Family Member Program have moved to the 10th floor of MACH. The new Warriors in Transition Unit and Soldier and Family Assistance Center buildings are expected to be completed soon.

MACH is experiencing a shortage of the Shingles vaccine (Zostavax), and will likely not have any for three to four months. For more information, call 751-0376.

A phone number has been established for patients to cancel appointments after duty hours. To cancel an appointment after duty hours, call 751-2904. During duty hours, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., call 751-CARE (2273) to cancel an appointment.

Patient Appreciation Week

We appreciate your sacrifices and contributions. Thanks for your trust and confidence. We care ... Army Strong!

Health Talks

To have a professional staff member from MEDDAC address a group on health care subjects or preventive medicine, call the health promotion coordinator at 751-5035 or the Department of Quality Management at 751-2501.

CHALKBOARD

No more report card shocks for parents

Ruth Russell
Army School Liaison

Too many years ago than I care to admit, I had a friend in my fifth grade class who showed me a clever trick. With just a stroke of a red pen, he was able to deftly change his test grade from an F to a B. That was a lot easier than actually studying. Unfortunately, for this young man his father had apparently heard of the trick and after a few grade adjustments my clever friend was busted.

Today parents have an easier way of getting accurate, up-to-date information on how their children are doing in school. Several online grading programs allow parents to

input a password to gain access to their children's grades and attendance. No more wondering for weeks how little Johnny did on his math test, parents can quickly get results. Most of these programs also allow parents to communicate with teachers directly calendars of events and announcements may also be accessed.

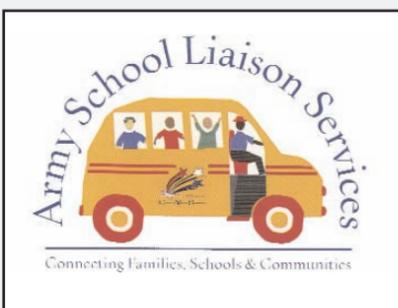
Department of Defense Schools are currently using a program called GradeSpeed. This program is being used at Fort Jackson for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students with one third grade class piloting the program. GradeSpeed allows parents to set up triggers "which are automatic grade and attendance notifications. Parents may find out more about and sign up for GradeSpeed at the

C.C. Pinckney web site at www.am.dodea.edu/jackson/fjcp."

In order for parents to participate, they need to enter a valid e-mail address. There will be a short wait for approval prior to access.

Richland District Two schools utilizes a similar program called Parent Portal. Parents can access this program on the district web site www.richland2.org.

When parents are well informed about their child's academic progress the learning experience is enhanced. Problems can be spotted and corrected early. Web-based programs like GradeSpeed and Parent Portal enhance that all-important connection between home and school.



Fort Jackson Schools

— **Feb. 16:** Schools closed for Presidents' Day.

— **Feb. 17:** Stevie B's fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

— **Feb. 18:** Interim report cards, grades 2-6.

— **Feb. 19:** School board meeting; C.C. Pinckney Elementary School; 4 p.m. School schedule and hours for next year will be discussed. Parents are welcome.

— **Feb. 20:** Chick Fil-A on Decker Blvd.; 5-8 p.m.

— **Feb. 27:** Last day for yearbook orders.

Richland District One

— **Saturday:** Certified teacher job fair at Dreher High School; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

— **Tuesday:** School board meeting at the District Office; 7 p.m. Parents are

welcome.

— **Wednesday:** Interim report cards and early dismissal for elementary and middle schools.

— **Feb. 15:** New student applications due for Carolina School for Inquiry.

— **Feb. 16:** Student holiday.

— **Feb. 16:** Applications due for the Montessori programs.

— **Feb. 24:** School board meeting at A.C. Moore Elementary School; 7 p.m. Parents are welcome.

— **Feb. 25:** Delayed start for high school.

Richland District Two

— **Feb. 10:** School board meeting at Dent Middle School; 7 p.m. Parents are welcome.

— **Feb. 16:** Schools closed for Presidents' Day.

— **Feb. 24:** School board meeting at Kelly Middle School; 7 p.m. Parents are welcome.

Fort Jackson Homeschoolers

A **get-together** for home-schooled students is planned for 11 a.m., Tuesdays for various activities. For more information, call 419-0760.

SKIES

SAT Prep classes begin Jan. 31. Reg-

ister at CYSS Central Enrollment Office. For more information, call 751-6777.

College

ETV will broadcast a live call-in program, "How to Pay for College," 5-7 p.m., Sunday for students and parents. The program will be repeated at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 29 and Feb. 2 and 9 on Channel 1 and at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 15 on ETV open circuit.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has launched a **college information hotline** for students and families. For up-to-date college information, call (877) 349-7183, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays.

Announcements

Partnerships in Education is revising the **local action plan**, which serves as a guide for schools in helping new students. Parents of middle and high-school students who want to provide input may do so Feb. 17 at the Officers' Club. Parents of students of all grades may provide input March 24 at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 751-6150.

Adopt-a-School is a program that encourages Soldiers to volunteer in local schools. Units or individual Soldiers may complete volunteer activities at

schools on a one-time or a regular basis, with supervisor approval for use of mission time. High performing units will earn awards quarterly. For more information, e-mail Ruth.C.

Russell@us.army.mil or Keisha.Mccoy-Wilson@us.army.mil.

The **Operation Graduation** program is looking for high-school seniors who will have one parent deployed during their graduation ceremony and would like to arrange a live webcast for the deployed parent. For more information, call 751-6150.

Scholarships

Scholarships for Military Children, www.militaryscholar.org, applications due Feb. 18.

Major General James Ursano Scholarship Fund for Dependent Children, www.aerhq.org, applications due March 1.

Bernard Brown Space Camp Scholarship for students in sixth through ninth grades, www.militarychild.org/spacecamp.asp, applications due March 10.

Editor's Note: For more information on Army School Liaison Services, call 751-6150 or e-mail Ruth.C.Russell@us.army.mil or Keisha.Mccoy-Wilson@us.army.mil.

FIRST RESPONDER



The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Lt. Col. Ronald F. Taylor

Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.

Provost Sergeant Major

Billy Forrester

Fire Chief

Cases of the Week

At 120th (Adjutant General) Reception Battalion female Soldiers complained about being photographed in the shower room by another female Soldier Jan. 18. Military Police are investigating the incident.

A civilian approached cashiers at the

Main Post Exchange and attempted to purchase merchandise with a counterfeit \$20 bill Jan. 19, according to MPs. The case was handed over to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Provost Marshal's Tip of the Week

The community is reminded that the Directorate of Emergency Services is not the official voice of the installation. Community members who need official information such as school closures, closing of the installation during inclement weather or other official installation information should contact the Installation Operations Center at 751-7511. For unit-specific information such as changes in physical fitness times or cancellation, Soldiers should contact the

crimestoppers
1-888-559-TIPS
www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

Courts-martial listed

The following is a list of all courts-martial convened on Fort Jackson in January.

On Jan. 14, 1st Lt. John A. Hardick was convicted at a General Court-Martial for violating Article 133, Conduct Unbecoming of an Officer.

Hardick wrongfully and dishonorably, without authority and with intent to remain away permanently, left his place of duty, which was Mid-America Christian University in Oklahoma. Hardick also stole money and military property, valued at approximately \$142,180.

He was sentenced to be reprimanded, confined for 32 days and dismissed from the Army. He will be serving his confinement at Camp LeJeune Brigade, N.C.

On Jan. 14, Sgt. 1st Class Murray R. Outlaw was convicted at a Summary Court-Martial of three violations of Article 92 for illegal associations with Soldiers in training.

He was sentenced to receive a Field Grade Article 15, be permanently removed from the drill sergeant program, and complete a sexual harassment training program prescribed by the brigade equal opportunity NCO.

On Jan. 22, Pvt. James A. Magee was convicted at a Summary Court-Martial for two violations of Article 86, failing to go to his place of duty; three violations of Article 91, insubordinate conduct toward a noncommissioned officer; three violations of Article 92, failure to obey an order; and one violation of Article 128, assault.

He was sentenced to be reduced to the grade of E-1, forfeiture of two-thirds pay for one month, and to be confined for 30 days. He will be serving his confinement at Camp LeJeune Brigade, N.C.

On Jan. 23, Staff Sgt. Byron D. Tyson was convicted at a General Court-Martial of five violations of Article 92 for having illegal associations with trainees; two violations of Article 120, including one count of wrongful sexual contact and one count of indecent conduct; violations of Article 125, sodomy, on multiple occasions; and three violations of Article 134, adultery.

He was sentenced to be reduced to the grade of E-1, confinement for 18 months, and to be discharged from the Army with a bad-conduct discharge. He will be serving his confinement at Fort Sill, Okla.

Theme party 'roars' at Officers' Club

Theresa O'Hagan

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Roaring 20's made a comeback at the Officer's Club, Jan. 23 with big band music and dancing by the Swing Set. Cigarette girls were passing out candy cigarettes and chocolate cigars. A hat check girl was securing coats and hats, and nearly 200 people were decked out in their finest 1920's attire.

Officers' Club member, Frank Meredith, a retired colonel, drove his antique car, a 1929 Franklin, to the club to add a more authentic ambience to the evening. He said it was no museum piece and encouraged all the party goers to look around and take their photo with the it, an offer irresistible to many.

To get the evening's festivities rolling, the cigarette girls put a name tag with the name of one half of a famous pair on each guest's back.

The guests had to figure who they were by asking other guests questions. Once they knew their own identity, they could then find their other half. Pairs ran the gamut from the Bible's David and Goliath, to classic television's Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, to another famous TV couple, Ozzie and Sharon Osborne. Once the guests found their match, they were able to claim their prizes such as free passes to Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf and Century Lanes Bowling Center.

Fun and games continued with a 1920's trivia quiz, a Clue tournament, dancing and costume contests.

Catering Manager Carole Neal began planning the event with the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Department in early December. "We wanted to do something special," she said. "We want it to be big, fun and different."

Even the menu reflected the Roaring Twenties theme with drink specials such as the Flapper, the Al Capone

and actual Moonshine. A vast Italian feast was laid out with tiramisu for desert. Black and white decorations and party favors of black and white fedoras, flapper headbands and plastic pearl necklaces completed the decor. Bowls of small goldfish glistened in the candlelight, perhaps to remind people that if they crossed Bugsy Malone or Al Capone, they would be "sleeping with the fishes."

Throughout the evening, door prizes were given out in keeping with the evening's theme, such as silver flasks, classic movies, cigar cases and more.

By all accounts, the event was huge success. Officers' Club Manager Sam Guerry took a vote toward the end of the evening and the crowd unanimously voted for a repeat of the party in approximately six months.

"So many people have come up to me and complimented us on everything," said Beverly Metcalfe, cigarette girl. "They're all having a great time and it's so much fun seeing everyone dressed up like the twenties."

"It was nice to see all the people dressed to the nines," said Cathey Taubl, "Now that the band has started, it's so much fun seeing everybody dance."

Costumes ranged from 1920's reproductions to actual vintage pieces.

Metcalfe not only volunteered to be a cigarette girl but she also sewed the jackets for both cigarette girls, as well as the hat check girl, and made all three hats, and both cigarette trays. Also created for the occasion were the cigarette girls' hats, the hat check girls' skirts and vests, and an art deco evening gown and jacket for the catering manager.

More than 60 volunteer hours were put into making costumes. "I knew we got it right when one very sweet lady told me she had the same outfit from when she was a cigarette girl at the Columbia Country Club," Metcalfe said.

To see all the photos from the evening go to www.fort-jacksonmwr.com/RoaringTwentiesParty.



Courtesy photo by Earl Jones, FMWR

Sgt. Seth Brock, HHC 193rd Infantry Brigade, and Latonia Chatman, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment S-4, won the Best Costume Couple category at the Roaring Twenties party Jan. 23.



Today

Visit the **Officers' Club** for delicious specials or the buffet.

Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.

Magruders Pub is open for lunch for family members noon to 4 p.m., Thursdays.

Friday

Artistic Expression with Jake begins 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center Teen Room.

Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruders Club** from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The club is located in the back of Magruders Pub.

The cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

Every Friday is **Fish Fry Friday** at the Officers' Club, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch at the Officers' Club is open to everyone.

The **First Friday Tournament** is at 1 p.m. at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

Saturday

Step Team practice begins 2 p.m. at the Youth Center Dance Room.

The NCO Club presents **Classic Soul Saturday** from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Excalibur Room. The cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians. The event features live broadcasts from the BIG DM 101.3 with giveaways, 9:30-11 p.m.

The **Officers' Club** is closed because of catered events.

Sunday

Come to **brunch** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers' Club. This Sunday, bring the children for a special children's buffet and craft activities.

Enjoy **Family Day at the Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

Monday

The NCO Club presents a **full lunch buffet**, featuring fried chicken or fish, fresh vegetables, a full salad bar, soup, assorted desserts and a beverage from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., for \$7.

Tuesday

Movie Night begins 6 p.m. at the Youth Center in the Teen Room.

Enjoy **free movies** every Tuesday at

Magruders Pub.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the **swim meet**. Registration is held at the Sports Office.

The **Spring Sports Spectacular** offers a free skills session in soccer, 5-7 p.m. at the Youth Sports complex.

Wednesday

Be a sensation with **Karaoke with Tom Marable** at **Magruders Club** at 7:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

Visit the Officers' Club for a **Mongolian BBQ Lunch Buffet**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ongoing Offers

• The **Armed Forces Vacation Club** offers resort accommodations for two to six people for less than charged by most hotels.

A full week's stay, without membership, enrollment or annual fees, costs \$329.

While most availability is during off-peak travel seasons, there are a wide variety of great destinations and times available.

For full details and samples of resort availability, call (800) 724-9988 and men-

tion that you are a first time AFVC caller, with installation number 164.

• The **NCO Club breakfast** is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.

• The **Officers' Club specializes in catering** wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. The lunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Diners need not be Officers Club members or officers.

• The **NCO Club lunch buffet** is served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., daily. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children.

Other attractions

• **Victory Travel** has discount tickets to Disney World, Riverbanks Zoo, Sea World, Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla. and Williamsburg, Va., the Biltmore House and Gardens and the South Carolina State Museum.

Other special offers for the following dinner shows and other attractions are:

Myrtle Beach: Dixie Stampede, Country Tonight, Grand Illusions, Grand Ole Opry, Ryman Museum, Rainforest Adventures, Ripley's Aquarium and the Palace Theatre.

CHAPEL

Children play large role in God's kingdom

Jeremy McIntyre and Chaplain (Maj.) James E. Smith Jr.
Family Life Chaplaincy

Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." (Mark 10:15)

Have you ever thought about the status of children? The reality about children is that they are loving, trusting, open, and also vulnerable. When it comes to faith, there is a significant lesson we can learn from children. Jesus was referring to these qualities in this passage.

One of the great things about children and childhood is the presence of all the previous mentioned qualities. When these things are absent or shattered in a child's life it stands to reason that a child will become hurt and scared.

The best thing that can soothe a child when events cause trauma and the need for restoration is the unwa-

vering acceptance and love of parents or family.

Think about it. For adults, sometimes living in an adult world is a confusing maze of ups and downs. Children do not have the sophistication of adults; so it should not surprise us that they are not able to understand some of the events they experience.

Sometimes a child will need more help than a parent has to offer. Sometimes a parents have to search for ideas of how to help their child navigate through life's challenges.

Sometimes a parent who is doing the absolute best he or she can did not have a good parenting model. yet the parents are willing still, to raise their child to the best of their ability.

The passage from the Christian scriptures points to the fact that children are important to the Lord. The insight from this passage indicates to us that the Lord wants to heal the wounds of children and to strengthen and equip them for their life's journey.

He wants to help parents too. He wants parents to lead their families effectively and to raise their children in their pursuit of right and righteous relationships.

The installation chaplain, through the family life chaplain and the team of counseling interns, is available to help children and parents with dealing with some of the hurts and pains that most children, parents and families go through.

Everyone needs help from time to time. The resources are available to help you find ways to thrive. If you or someone you know would like to talk with the family life chaplain or one of the interns, they are just a phone call away.

If children were important enough for the Lord to reference and liken his kingdom, perhaps we should notice them more.

They must have something that attracts him. Could it be their love, trust, openness and, oh yeah, vulnerability?



Protestant

- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
 - 7:45 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
 - 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
 - 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 - 10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
 - 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 - 11 a.m. Chapel Next Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
 - 6 p.m., Prayer Service Daniel Circle Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel

PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDY

- Monday
 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC — Main

Post Chapel, Class 209)

- Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel Congregation's Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
- Thursday
 - 9:30 a.m.-noon Women's Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
 - 6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
 - 7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday
 - 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall))

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Saturday
 - 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (third Saturday)
- Wednesday
 - 6:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel

Catholic

- Monday-Friday
 - 11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Mass (MG Robert B. Solomon Center)
 - 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
 - 9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)

9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Rosary
 - 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

Lutheran/Episcopalian

- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

Islamic

- Sunday
 - 8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
 - 12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

Jewish

- Sunday
 - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 - 10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

Church of Christ

- Sunday
 - 11:30 a.m. Solomon Center

Latter Day Saints

- Sunday
 - 11 a.m. Warrior Chapel at 120th AG Bn.
 - 7 p.m., Scripture Study Anderson Chapel

Addresses, phone numbers

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

SPORTS/FITNESS

Skippers vital to youth sports

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

When the Spurs beat the Celtics in a recent basketball matinee matchup, the audience cheered wildly — despite the fact that Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Tony Parker never took the court.

The stars of the game were 6 and 7-year olds participating in Fort Jackson's Youth Sports Winter Basketball league.

The Spurs are coached by Marcus Anderson, one of about 50 community members who volunteer each year to coach youth sports on post. For Anderson, who started coaching in 2006, it is a labor of love.

"I love sports," Anderson said. "I have a son myself; he's 6 years old. I coached his team. I had to get to practice anyway, so I coached and fell in love with it."

In addition to basketball, Anderson coaches football, baseball and any other sport in need of volunteer coaches. The most important lesson he tries to teach the children is that in order to be successful, they have to work as a team.

"Some kids start off (playing like) individuals at first, but I teach them the team sport concept," he said. "It takes a team to win the game, not an individual."

The key to being an efficient youth coach is patience, Anderson said.

"It takes a whole lot of patience, especially when the kids don't want to listen to you in the beginning," he said.

However, the rewards of coaching outweigh its challenges.

"The biggest reward is just seeing



Photo by Susanne Kappler

Marcus Anderson uses a timeout to instruct his team during a recent game at the Youth Services Center. He is one of about 50 volunteer youth coaches.

the kids enjoying themselves," Anderson said. "As long as the kids enjoy themselves, I'm happy — whether we win or lose."

Being a coach offers rewards of a different kind too, said Craig Plowman, Youth Sports director. Youth Sports registration fees for a coach's first child are waived and any additional child gets a 50 percent discount.

To maintain a high standard in coaching, volunteers undergo training before setting foot in the gym or on the field.

Plowman explained that the Army mandates that all youth coaches are

certified with the National Youth Sports Coaches Association. To get certified, prospective coaches have to watch a film and take a written test. The Army covers the fee for the accreditation.

In addition, background checks are performed on everyone who volunteers and coaches have to take classes about child abuse.

Plowman emphasized the importance of volunteer coaches.

"This program would not exist without volunteer support," he said. "We welcome any adult, whether they have any children or not."

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Sports Briefs

Swim Meet

A swim meet for active-duty personnel only is scheduled for Feb. 24. Participants must submit name, age and events to the Sports Office by 3 p.m., Feb. 18. For more information, call 751-3096.

Racquetball

Racquetball league play will begin Feb. 26. The league is open to all FMWR-eligible ID card holders 18 and older. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 12. A mandatory players' meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17, 5 p.m. at Perez Fitness Center. For more information, call 751-3096/6258.

Golf League

Intramural and recreational golf league play will begin March 30. The deadline to sign up and submit handicaps is March 18. For more information, call 751-3096.

Volleyball

Intramural and recreational volleyball league play will begin at the conclusion of the winter basketball season. Players must be at least 18 years old. The deadline for teams to sign up is March 25.

Summer Softball

Letters of intent for intramural and recreational softball are due March 26. Players must be at least 18 years old. For more information, call 751-3096.

2009 Fitness Challenge

The FMWR 2009 Fitness Challenge begins Sunday and runs through May 2. Challenges are available in three categories, fitness, weight loss and total lifestyle change. Participants must be members of the aerobics program. For more information, call 751-5768.

First Friday Golf

First Friday golf tournament is held at 1 p.m. at the Wildcat Course. To sign up, call the golf course at 787-4437 or sign up on the bulletin board. The format is Captain's Choice and the entry fee is \$10 per person.

Important Numbers

For youth sports, call 751-5610/5040; For golf information, call 787-4437/4344; For sports information, call 751-3096.

Basketball standings*

Monday/Wednesday League

2-13	6-0
Swampfoxes	5-1
4-321st	4-2
PES	4-2
187th	2-4
SSI	1-4
3-13	1-5
3-60	0-5

Tuesday/Thursday League

That's Them	6-0
Niteflyte	6-1
VSB	3-2
120th	3-2
DSS	3-3
165th	2-3
2-60	2-4
SCNG	1-0
MEDDAC	0-5
JAG	0-6

* Standings as of Feb. 3.